



MEDIA ALERT

UNDERPRIVILEGED WOMEN GRADUATE IN SEWING AND BEADWORK

Vulindlela Heights, Mthatha: The Nelson Mandela Museum, in partnership with the Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Council, will host a certificate award ceremony for Imbokodo Empowerment Workshop trainees on November 22, 2024, at the Vulindlela Industrial Heights in Mthatha.

The Skills training workshop resumed on the 03rd of September 2024 and was completed on the 03rd of November 2024. Eight (08) women from Qunu, Mqhekezweni, and Tyhalaria were selected to undergo the sewing and beading training to be self-independent, become registered SMMEs, and create job opportunities within their communities. This will further enable these women to create a path that will contribute to developing and preserving Arts and cultural products.

“Through our collaboration with Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Centre, Nelson Mandela Museum is proud of this initiative and we hope that these graduates will make use of the skills acquired. We are of the view that this initiative has provided the necessary skills for these women to open their businesses, and cooperatives that will help eradicate poverty, said the Senior Manager of the museum Nontlahla Dalindyebo.

Mr. Ndwandwa, Manager of the E. C. Arts & Craft Hub alluded, “While this facility is mainly targeted to fashion designers who hold formal qualifications, this collaboration

with the Nelson Mandela Museum provides a unique opportunity for ECPACC and its partners, CSIR and DTIC, to expand its reach. This is a culmination of combined efforts of like-minded institutions who understand the interventions that are needed to support development at the grassroots level”.

The work of the trainees will be exhibited during the award ceremony.

The certification ceremony will be held as follows:

Date: 22 November 2024

Time: 11h00 – 12h30

Venue: Eastern Cape Arts & Craft Hub, 51 Vulindlela Heights, Southernwood. Mthatha. 5100

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